Rings, particularly signet rings, are the personal emblem of the owner. The ring as a sign of identity may remind the wearer of the giver because it actually has something of him or her in it. In many narratives, when a ring is lost, it may make the wearer forget both identity and love, which is to say the identity of both the wearer and the beloved. The meaning of the ring of love and forgetfulness is illuminated by two stories from ancient India, variants of the folktale of the Clever Wife: the story of Muladeva and the Brahmin’s wife, and the story of Shakuntala.